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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4134

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 4964

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD GATT MTN

SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND CONCERNS ABOUT GATT CONSULTATIVE
GROUP (GROUP OF 18)

REF: STATE 151827

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH GATT DG LONG AND NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR EASTERBROOK-SMITH. LONG STATED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR GATT MATTERS THAT AUSTRALIA HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH HAVING NEW ZEALAND AS ALTERNATE. ACCORDINGLY HE CONSIDERS NEW ZEALAND LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF. EASTERBROOK-SMITH INDICATED UNDERSTANDING THAT WELLINGTON AND CANBERRA ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO SORT MATTER OUT AND THAT HE PREFERRED AWAITING OUTCOME BEFORE COMMENTING. LONG IS CALLING MEETING OF GATT INFORMAL GROUP ON JULY 4 TO TRY TO REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON EXACT COMPOSITION OF GROUP OF 18.

2. WE ASKED LONG WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY FURTHER DEVELOP-
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MENT CONCERNING EE CLAIM TO TWO SEATS ON GROUP. LONG

SAID LOCAL POLISH REP JODKO WHO HANDLES MATTER
RECOGNIZES THIS CLAIM IS EXCESSIVE BUT HAS NOT
RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM WARSAW OR OTHER EES
TO LIFT RESERVE. LONG SAID THAT, SURPRISINGLY,
REAL PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE BULGARIA WHICH IS NOT
YET EVEN GATT MEMBER.

3. WE INFORMED LONG WE HOPED HE WOULD ACCEPT
CHAIRMANSHIP OF GROUP OF 18 (PER STATE 145817).
HE SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT IF CPS ASKED HIM TO CHAIR.
HE NOTED HOWEVER THAT ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ
FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE GROUP CHAIRED BY COUNTRY
REPRESENTATIVE ON GROUNDS COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE WOULD
BE BETTER ABLE TO DEFEND GATT AGAINST UN ENCROACHMENT
IN FORM OF ITO PROPOSALS. LONG SAID HE SAW SOME MERIT
IN THIS IDEA.

4. SUGGEST DEPT REPEAT REFTTEL TO CANBERRA.
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